



# Tempe Today



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## Community ride highlights bike-friendly Tempe

Tempe's 12th annual leisurely community bike ride, Tour de Tempe, is a non-competitive 12- to 14-mile ride on Sunday, Oct. 28, that weaves through diverse neighborhoods, downtown Tempe, public art projects and other Tempe sites. Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the ride begins at 8:30 a.m. The ride starts and ends at Tempe's Kiwanis Park, in the parking lot at All-America Way just north of Guadalupe Road.

All riders will receive free breakfast snacks and T-shirts will be given to the first 800 registrants. Helmets are required. Limited quantities of helmets will be available for purchase the day of the event for \$10-\$15 with cash or check only.

Tempe has more than 165 miles of dedicated bikeways, including on-street bike lanes and off-street multi-use paths. The city is designated a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. For more information on the event, call 480-858-2215.



## Veterans honored in Tempe next month

Veterans will be honored Monday, Nov. 12, at the city's annual Veteran's Day Parade along Mill Avenue. Beginning at 10 a.m., veterans, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, high school marching bands and other community members will join in this festive tribute to veterans. The parade begins near ASU Gammage at Mill Avenue and Apache Boulevard, and ends at Tempe Beach Park, at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. Following the parade, around 11:30 a.m., a short ceremony will take place at Tempe Beach Park.

In addition, the newly opened Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, will host a free Veteran's Day performance of the Tempe Symphonic Wind Ensemble. This 46-member group will perform a tribute concert on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. They will perform patriotic music such as "America the Beautiful," "Stars and Stripes Forever," and more. Tickets are free and seating is open for this event.

"We are just so blessed to have had the service of our veterans," said Tempe Symphonic Wind Ensemble Director Mike Willson. "We wanted to put on this concert to salute and thank them for their great service in preserving our freedom."

For more information on the Tempe Symphonic Wind Ensemble, visit [www.tswe.org](http://www.tswe.org).





## Transit options taking shape in Tempe

When traveling through Tempe, it's easy to see that construction on METRO light rail is progressing well toward the project's opening date. METRO track has been laid from First Street and Ash Avenue to McClintock Drive and Apache Boulevard. Road widening along with guideway and track installation continues between Apache and the Loop 101 Freeway bridge. Drivers can look forward to faster commutes as heavy construction wraps up in the downtown area. The 20-mile starter segment through Phoenix, Tempe and into Mesa is scheduled to begin service in December 2008.

METRO also has begun transit studies in the East and West Valley. The Tempe South study, which will evaluate the feasibility of high-capacity solutions for north-south travel in Tempe, began earlier this summer. The study area is bordered by Tempe Town Lake and Chandler Boulevard, and the Loop 101 Freeway and railroad right-of-way near Kyrene Road.

Beyond the 20-mile light rail starter system, another 2.7 miles have been identified for a possible high-capacity transit corridor in Mesa, and another two miles in Tempe. For more information, visit [www.metrolighttrail.org](http://www.metrolighttrail.org).

## State of the City

Learn what's happening in Tempe when Mayor Hugh Hallman presents his annual State of the City address on Wednesday, Nov. 28, from 7-9 a.m. in the Kachina Ballroom of The Marriott Buttes Resort, 2000 Westcourt Way. The cost is \$45 for Tempe Chamber of Commerce members, \$65 for non-members and \$450 for a table of 10. For more information or to register, call the Chamber of Commerce at 480-967-7891 or visit [www.tempechamber.org](http://www.tempechamber.org).

## Families invited to the best "monster mash" in town

Don't get spooked this Halloween! Come to one of the most exciting and safe places in the Valley to celebrate Halloween with your family. Tempe's 30th Annual Family Halloween Carnival will be Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Kiwanis Community Park, 6005 S. All-America Way (Mill Avenue and All-America Way).

Some spooktacular highlights include entertainment, food, face painting, carnival games and a 7:30 p.m. costume contest for goblins of all ages. Local groups will provide entertainment. Admission is free and is offered to Valley families as a safe alternative to trick-or-treating. Carnival tickets are 25 cents each, and proceeds will benefit non-profit groups around the state. More than 5,000 families are expected to attend this year's event.

For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/events](http://www.tempe.gov/events) or call the City of Tempe Parks and Recreation Office at 480-350-5200. Text telephone/TDD is available at 480-350-5050.

## Family Halloween Adventure at Escalante Center

Scare up some fun for Halloween by taking a tour of an eerie mansion and a graveyard on Monday, Oct. 29, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., at Escalante Community Center, 2150 E. Orange St. Highlights include a haunted house, a graveyard display, music, crafts and games. For more information, call 480-350-5800.

## Remember Halloween safety

Keep these tips in mind when sending your little "goblins" out for some Halloween fun:

- Keep costumes short to prevent trips and falls
- Wear light-colored costumes or use reflective tape
- Turn on outside lights and remove objects from your yard that may be hazardous
- Make sure children are accompanied by an adult
- Trick-or-treat before dark or carry flashlights with fresh batteries
- Purchase costumes and wigs that are flame resistant
- Stay on sidewalks and cross streets only at corners or intersections
- Drive slowly and watch for children throughout the evening
- Only visit houses that have outside lights on
- Use makeup instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision
- Inspect candy before it is eaten
- Report all suspicious activity to the Tempe Police Department

## Hearts and Heroes

Hearts and Heroes, an evening of food and entertainment to benefit charity, will take place Sunday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m. at Tempe Marketplace, at McClintock Drive and Rio Salado Parkway. Hosted by the Tempe Community Council, proceeds will benefit the charitable efforts of the Tempe Community Foundation, the Tempe Firefighters L493, and the Tempe Officers Association. All three organizations provide support to nonprofits whose services assist Tempe residents. Las Vegas band Zowie Bowie will perform. For more information call 480-858-2300 or visit [www.releasethehero.org](http://www.releasethehero.org).



## Group preserves Tempe's history

For 40 years, the Tempe Historical Society has lived its mission to preserve the city's rich heritage. Today, society members continue to foster appreciation for Tempe's past.

After its founding, the group opened the Tempe Historical Museum inside the Tempe Public Library in 1972. Eventually, the city took over operations and, in 1991, opened the existing, freestanding museum seen today as part of the Tempe Community Complex at Rural Road and Southern Avenue. The Tempe Historical Society continues to support the city-run museum through fundraising, volunteering and operation of the gift shop. Proceeds go to support museum programs.

Improvements are on the way for the Tempe Historical Museum, which will be renovated to create a gathering place with flexible, interactive spaces that will attract larger, more diverse audiences to celebrate Tempe's past and ponder its future. The additions will feature a redefined exhibit area, new technology, more programming space, and a children's area. Construction will begin in September 2008 and is expected to be completed in September 2009, with exhibit installation complete in November 2009.

"In order to attract a younger audience, we need to provide highly interactive exhibits that use the latest technology," said Amy Douglass, museum administrator. "We also have researched a great deal more about Tempe history and can present a much richer story than we were able to do 16 years ago."

The Tempe Historical Society will hold its annual barbeque on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 4:30 p.m., in Plencner Plaza, in front of the Tempe Historical Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. Food and live entertainment will be featured, along with remarks from Arizona's official historian, Marshall Trimble. The barbeque costs \$25 for Tempe Historical Society Members and \$30 for non-members. Register at [www.tempehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.tempehistoricalsociety.org) or call 480-850-5100 by Oct. 27.

## Register to run with Team Tempe

Register now to help Tempe charities as part of the first-ever Team Tempe at the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon on Sunday, Jan. 13, in Tempe, Phoenix and Scottsdale. Team Tempe is a community-wide effort to raise money for the Association for Supportive Childcare, the Centers for Habilitation, the Tempe Family YMCA and the Tempe Community Foundation. It's also a chance to receive free training to finish the full or half marathon. For more information, contact 480-858-2302 or visit [www.tempe.gov/tcc](http://www.tempe.gov/tcc). For details on the marathon, visit [www.rnraz.com](http://www.rnraz.com).

## Proper disposal of yard waste

The fall season prompts many Tempe residents to take on more heavy yard work and maintenance, so the City of Tempe's Solid Waste division would like to remind residents of the proper way to dispose of items for the city's monthly bulk item collection service:

- Bag/box all grass, leaves and small debris. If space permits, place these bagged items into your garbage container.
- Cut branches to 4-foot lengths and neatly stack them in piles.
- Place items out for collection no more than 10 days prior to your collection week.
- Residents are responsible for maintaining their alley from their property line to the center of the alley. Items to be collected from alleys must be placed neatly along your fence line.
- Property owners must trim and maintain any trees or vegetation growing over their fence line and obstructing the right of way. Trim shrubs and trees to a height of 13 feet overhanging the property line in alley right-of-ways.
- City ordinance prohibits the use of alleys or the public right-of-way by landscapers or other professionals for placement of materials that result from service to residents, such as yard trimmings, grass clippings, palm fronds and other materials. Professionals hired for these types of services are required by law to haul these materials away.

For more information and collection schedules, visit [www.tempe.gov/recycling](http://www.tempe.gov/recycling).

## Music at the Marina

Pack a picnic, bring a blanket and enjoy some incredible music during Music at the Marina, a free concert series from 4-7 p.m. at Tempe Town Lake Marina. The Beatles tribute band Ringo McLennonSon will play Sunday, Oct. 21, and The Swamp Coolers will perform Sunday, Oct. 28. Town Lake Marina is on the north side of Town Lake, south of the Loop 202 freeway on College Avenue. For more information, call 480-350-8625 or visit [www.tempe.gov/lake](http://www.tempe.gov/lake).



## Calendar

### City Council Meetings

The October/November schedule for Tempe City Council meetings

#### October 4

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

#### October 25

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

#### November 8

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

Meetings are aired live on Tempe 11 and the Internet at [www.tempe.gov/tempe11](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11).

City Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 31 E. Fifth St. Agendas are posted 24 hours before each meeting outside the Council Chambers and on the second floor of City Hall. Meetings are subject to change. Confirm dates and times with the City Clerk's Office, 480-350-8241 or on the Web site at [www.tempe.gov/clerk](http://www.tempe.gov/clerk).

## Tempe City Council

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## News you can use

### Mayor Hallman continues "Office Hours" series

This fall, Mayor Hugh Hallman continues his Office Hours series, traveling around town once a month and inviting Tempe community members to share their ideas, feedback and concerns. Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at various locations. Dates include:

Nov. 6 – Changing Hands Bookstore, 6428 S. McClintock Dr.

Dec. 4 – Tempe Public Library Connections Café, 3500 S. Rural Rd.

Jan. 8 – Kiwanis Recreation Center, 6111 S. All-America Way

"Holding Office Hours is my chance to visit with Tempeans in their neighborhoods on an informal basis, one-on-one or in small groups, answering questions and – most importantly – listening to their input," Mayor Hallman said. For more information, call 480-350-8905.

### APS Fantasy of Lights Opening Night

Enjoy the beauty of the holiday season amid the glittering lights of Mill Avenue's winter wonderland on Saturday, Nov. 24, from 5-9 p.m. The free APS Fantasy of Lights kicks off with a 6 p.m. Opening Night Parade and Tempe's holiday tree-lighting at Centerpoint Plaza with an appearance by Santa Claus and a fireworks spectacular. For more information, visit [www.millavenue.com](http://www.millavenue.com).

### Job fair for all Tempe Union High School students

Is your high school student searching for a job? The Tempe Union High School District Business Advisory Council is sponsoring the first district-wide job fair for all students in the district on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 3-6 p.m., in the Marcos de Niza cafeteria. Students will learn about job opportunities and can submit applications to employers. Some of the participating businesses include Walmart, Safeway and the City of Tempe. For more information on the job fair or the Business Advisory Council, call Kay Nordmark at 480-345-3760.

### Pyle Fall Art and Craft Boutique

Buy handmade art, crafts and holiday gifts while enjoying live entertainment and food at the Fall Art and Craft Boutique on Friday, Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave. The boutique is sponsored by the City of Tempe and the Retirees of Tempe advisory committee. For more information, call 480-350-5211.

### 39th Fall Tempe Festival of the Arts

Appreciate, peruse and purchase original art, crafts and holiday gifts at the 39th Annual Fall Tempe Festival of the Arts presented by Centerpoint Condominiums from Friday, Nov. 30, through Sunday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to dusk daily. Stroll down Mill Avenue, enjoy street performances and live music, sample Arizona wines, and eat festival fare and homemade goods. Children can create and explore art at the Kids Innovation Station. For more information, visit [www.tempefestivalofthearts.com](http://www.tempefestivalofthearts.com).

### Holiday refuse and recycling collection schedule

Never sure whether to place your refuse and recycling containers at the curb for collection during the holidays? The city's Solid Waste division provides normal commercial and residential collection for refuse and recycling on all holidays except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For those three holidays, pickup is on Wednesday. All other holidays are picked up on the customer's normal collection day. For more information, call 480-350-8265 or call the recycling hotline at 480-350-8145.